

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	10 June 1999
Name of applicant/court:	The District Court at Auckland
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Buttman Volume. 1 No. 3
Other Known Titles:	Buttman Volume 1 Number 3
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	John Stagliano
Editor:	John Stagliano
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable.

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine *Buttman Volume. 1 No. 3* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The publication promotes and supports the use of urine, and tends to promote and support the use of excrement, in association with sexual conduct. The magazine is the November 1998 issue of an American periodical, devoted to explicit visual and textual depictions of sexual activity and women in sexual poses. It displays a strong and pervasive emphasis on women's buttocks, genitals and anuses, presented in a manner that is degrading, dehumanising and demeaning. Among the sexual material is a page of cartoon images that show various sexual acts, including one character urinating on the body of another. Anal fisting is also shown, with an associated comment indicating that the hand is in contact with faecal matter. While these images are drawn in an exaggerated, fantastic style, they appear in the context of a magazine devoted to the depiction of sexual activity and the editor's comments indicate approval of their content. It is evident that the portrayal is intended to sexually arouse and to encourage the reader to fantasise about the performance of acts that involve the use of urine and excrement in association with sexual conduct.

The magazine has been found to promote and support, and to tend to promote and support, activities listed under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993. The provisions of s3(2) are inconsistent with, and override, the right to freedom of expression set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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